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BRADLEY BEACH GETTING READY FOR THE 2020 CENSUS

Bradley Beach is working to make sure everyone is counted in the 2020 Census, .

Starting Thursday, March 12 watch for your Census form, which will be mailed to all households. An information and help session will be held on Tuesday, March 17 at 7 p.m. at the Bradley Beach Public Library for anyone who would like assistance in filling it out.

“Only by counting every person in Bradley Beach will we be able to receive our fair share of the billions of dollars in federal funding that comes to New Jersey for services, like health care, senior centers, nutrition and housing programs, roads, public transportation, and money for schools and business development. Our numbers are also used to determine the number of government officials who will be representing us in Washington and Trenton, said JohnEric Advento, Chair of the Bradley Beach Complete County Committee.”

“The number of people we count affects the next ten years of funding, until the next national census which not take place until 2030,” said committee member Mahonrry Hidalgo, “so the stakes are high that we count everyone now. In 2016, for example, that funding reached \$22 billion in New Jersey, based on the 2010 Census.”

Serving with local business leaders Advento and Hidalgo on the Bradley Beach Complete County Committee are Ashley Foglia, Bradley Beach Library Director; Dr. Stephen Wisniewski, Bradley Beach Public Schools Superintendent/Principal; Susan Monroe, Ph.D., President, Bradley Beach Board of Education; Dr. Elizabeth Franks, Board of Education Member; Paola Marin, Program Manager, Asbury Park CARC (Community Affairs and Resource Center); Fr. Miguel Virella, Pastor, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, Asbury Park; Michele A. Whille, CMR, Borough of Bradley Beach; Paula Gavin, Volunteer, Bradley Beach Strategic Plan; Larry Fox, civic organization volunteer.

The committee’s work will be aided by the full participation and commitment of Bradley Beach Mayor Gary Englestad and the entire Council, with Councilman Al Gubitosi serving as council liaison.

The Constitution requires that every ten years, every person in the United States must be counted – all ages, races and ethnic group including citizens and non-citizens. Under law, all Census data with personal information must be kept confidential. The Census will never ask for financial information social security numbers or credit card or bank information. The law requires the Census Bureau to keep your information confidential and use your responses only to produce statistics.